

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT, Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act.

See Final Résumé of Congressional Activity (including the History of Bills) for the First Session of the 109th Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2352–2364, and S. Res. 387–388. **Pages S1643–44**

Measures Reported:

S. 2178, to make the stealing and selling of telephone records a criminal offense. **Page S1643**

Measures Passed:

Sudan Peace Agreement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 388, urging the Government of National Unity of Sudan and the Government of Southern Sudan to implement fully the Comprehensive Peace Agreement that was signed on January 9, 2005. **Pages S1660–61**

Darfur, Sudan: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 383, calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with an emphasis on civilian protection, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1661**

Educational Flexibility: Senate passed S. 2363, to extend the educational flexibility program under section 4 of the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999. **Page S1662**

LIHEAP Funding—Cloture Motion: Senate began consideration of S. 2320, to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1632–38**

Pending:

Kyl/Ensign Amendment No. 2899, to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of

2005 for allotments to States for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006. **Pages S1636–38**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 30), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained. **Page S1636**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be vitiated. **Page S1632**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, March 3, 2006. **Page S1662**

USA PATRIOT Act Reauthorization: By 89 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 29), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism. **Pages S1598–S1632**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, March 6, 2006, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Timothy C. Batten, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas E. Johnston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Aida M. Delgado-Colon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, en bloc; that Senators Chambliss, Isakson, Byrd, and Rockefeller, and the Chairman, and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, be allocated five minutes each; and

that at 5:30 p.m., Senate proceed to consecutive votes on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, vice Carin M. Barth, resigned.

George McDade Staples, of Kentucky, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2013.

Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2012.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—30)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:22 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Friday, March 3, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1662.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving

testimony from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NUCLEAR ENERGY AND POWER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine an outline of the Global Nuclear Energy Plan and the future of nuclear power, after receiving testimony from Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary, and General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military installations, military construction, environmental programs, and base realignment and closure programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony from Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment; Keith E. Eastin, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics.

DUBAI PORTS WORLD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Exon-Florio Amendment, focusing on Dubai Ports World acquisition of Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, the role of terminal operators, and U.S. Coast Guard actions under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Kimmitt, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Eric Edelman, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy; and Robert Joseph, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.